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Your Meeting with Deng Xiaoping

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Convey, on the President's behalf, the high value we assign to US-China relations, stressing benefits derived.
2. Reaffirm our view that the Soviet threat has not changed and that the US and China must continue to work closely to counter it.
3. Emphasize the need to view bilateral irritants in the context of strategic and bilateral interests.
4. Outline what both sides should do to move the relationship ahead.

BEAR IN MIND

1. Deng is China's most powerful figure; he is anti-Soviet and supports a Western-oriented foreign policy.
2. Deng's style is direct and he will respect directness from you.

ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES

(If raised) Respond to specific bilateral complaints.

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